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# HOUSE BILL No. 2078

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 6-3.1-22.

**Synopsis:** Income tax credit for inventory taxes paid. Provides a refundable income tax credit for a percentage of property tax paid on inventory.

**Effective:** January 1, 2002.

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January 17, 2001, read first time and referred to Committee on Ways and Means.

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First Regular Session 112th General Assembly (2001)

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning taxation.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1       SECTION 1. IC 6-3.1-22 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
2       AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
3       JANUARY 1, 2002]:

4       **Chapter 22. Inventory Tax Credit**

5       **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "inventory" has the meaning set**  
6       **forth in IC 6-1.1-3-11.**

7       **Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "property tax" means the tax**  
8       **imposed on property under IC 6-1.1. However, the term does not**  
9       **include any interest or a penalty imposed under IC 6-1.1.**

10       **Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "state income tax liability"**  
11       **means a taxpayer's total income tax liability incurred under**  
12       **IC 6-2.1 and IC 6-3, as computed after the application of all credits**  
13       **that under IC 6-3.1-1-2 are to be applied before the credit provided**  
14       **by this chapter.**

15       **Sec. 4. (a) A taxpayer is entitled to a refundable credit against**  
16       **the taxpayer's state income tax liability for a taxable year equal to**  
17       **the product of:**

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(1) the appropriate percentage specified in subsection (b), as adjusted under subsection (c); multiplied by

(2) the amount of property taxes paid on inventory by the taxpayer during the taxable year.

(b) The credit a taxpayer may claim for inventory against the taxpayer's state income tax liability for a taxable year is calculated under subsection (a) using the lesser of the percentage determined under subsection (c) or the percentage set forth for the calendar year in the following table:

CALENDAR YEAR IN WHICH INVENTORY TAXES ARE PAID	PERCENT OF INVENTORY TAXES ALLOWED AS A CREDIT
2002 .....	8.3%
2003 .....	18.9%
2004 .....	29.2%
2005 .....	39.7%
2006 and thereafter .....	50%

(c) Before November 1 of each year, the department of state revenue, with the assistance of the state board of tax commissioners, shall determine the inventory tax credit percentage that will result in the largest aggregate total of tax credits allowed under this chapter for the ensuing calendar year that does not exceed the following:

(1) For property taxes first due and payable in 2002, thirty million dollars (\$30,000,000).

(2) For property taxes first due and payable in 2003, sixty-eight million dollars (\$68,000,000).

(3) For property taxes first due and payable in 2004, one hundred five million dollars (\$105,000,000).

(4) For property taxes first due and payable in 2005, one hundred forty-three million dollars (\$143,000,000).

(5) For property taxes first due and payable in 2006 and each calendar year after 2006, one hundred eighty million dollars (\$180,000,000).

The department of state revenue shall publish the inventory tax credit percentage determined under this subsection for a calendar year in the Indiana Register and in the instructions for the appropriate state tax forms.

(d) If a taxpayer pays property taxes in two (2) different calendar years during the taxpayer's same taxable year, the taxpayer, to compute the inventory tax credit for the taxable year, shall apply the appropriate percentage specified under subsection (b) or (c) for



each calendar year to the property taxes paid in each calendar year.

(e) If the amount computed by a taxpayer under this section for a taxable year exceeds the amount of the taxpayer's state tax liability for the same taxable year, the taxpayer is entitled:

(1) to a refund of the excess; or

(2) to carry the excess over to the taxpayer's immediately following taxable year and to use the excess as a credit to reduce the taxpayer's state income tax liability for that taxable year.

Sec. 5. Each partnership (except a corporate partnership) and each corporation described in IC 6-3-2-2.8(2) shall, for each taxable year, allocate among its partners or shareholders an amount equal to the amount of personal property tax paid on inventory by the partnership or corporation during the taxable year. The partnership or corporation shall make the allocation in the same manner that it allocates income among its partners or shareholders. The amount allocated to each partner or shareholder shall be treated as having been paid by the partner or shareholder during that taxable year.

Sec. 6. An income tax credit provided by this chapter must be claimed by a taxpayer on the taxpayer's annual state income tax return in the manner prescribed by the department.

Sec. 7. The state board of tax commissioners and local property tax officials shall verify information related to the credit provided by this chapter when requested by the department.

Sec. 8. The department shall apply a credit to which a taxpayer is entitled under this chapter in the following order:

(1) Against the taxpayer's gross income tax liability (IC 6-2.1) for the taxable year.

(2) Against the taxpayer's adjusted gross income tax liability (IC 6-3-1 through IC 6-3-7) for the taxable year.

(3) Against the taxpayer's supplemental net income tax liability (IC 6-3-8) for the taxable year.

SECTION 2. [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2002] (a) IC 6-3.1-22, as added by this act, applies only to taxable years that begin after December 31, 2001.

(b) Notwithstanding IC 6-3.1-22-4, as added by this act, the department of state revenue shall determine the inventory tax credit percentage required by IC 6-3.1-19-4(c), as added by this act, for property taxes first due and payable in 2002, before November 2, 2001.



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